



# Sailing Instructions

## Rocky Mountain Shoot Out

Denver Sailing Association  
Cherry Creek Lake  
May 3rd and 4th, 2008

- 1. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and rules of the Colorado Parks Department and Cherry Creek State Park. In the event of conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions take precedence. Each fleet is responsible for enforcement of its class rules. The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) is the organizing authority (OA).
- 2. Eligibility:** The regatta is open to all self-righting monohull sailboats with sail numbers as in RRS 77. Eligibility requirements include that a boat must be currently registered in its home state, display the current registration, and have paid the entry fee. Entrants shall submit an official entry form and include the entry fees designated by the DSA Notice of Race (NOR). Boats not registered or have not paid the entry fees will not be considered competitors.
- 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Changes to these sailing instructions or to the Notice of Race may be announced at the competitors' meeting and will be posted within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the competitors' meeting, and may be announced at the competitors' meeting, on the day it will take effect. Changes will be posted on the DSA Bulletin Board at the Cherry Creek Marina Office, which shall be the official notice board. Changes to the schedule will be posted prior to 2000 hrs on the day before the change is to take effect.
- 4. Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be made at the race committee signal boat in its slip. Pennant AP displayed ashore with two sounds means "No warning signal will be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered with one sound." Flag B displayed ashore with one sound means "Protest time has begun."; lowered with one sound means "Protest time has ended."
- 5. Schedule:** The schedule shall be as stated in the Notice of Race. Competitor's meeting will be held Saturday at 1100 hrs at the Marina Office. Warning signal for the first race will be made at 1200 hrs on Saturday May 3rd and 1100 hrs Sunday May 4th. Subsequent races may immediately follow the completion of the preceding race. No race will be started after 1500 hrs on Sunday. Up to four (4) races are scheduled for each race day. One race completed will constitute the regatta.
- 6. Fleets & Divisions:** Five (5) or more one-design boats will constitute a fleet; the race committee may, at its discretion, create one-design fleets of four boats. All other boats will sail in one or more PHRF fleets. Fleets will be formed into divisions for starting and courses. Fleets and class flag designations will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting and posted after the meeting. Fleets & divisions may be signaled to start in any order following the posted first flag time and after a division's finish of any race.
- 7. Check-in & check-out:** All boats shall check in on the water each race day, while the Race Committee is flying code flag "L", to advise the Race Committee they intend to race. Boats leaving the race area before the day's racing has ended shall so advise the race committee. Any boat failing to check in or check out and failing to finish will be scored DNC.
- 8. Safety:** It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to enter, start, or continue any race. (See rule 4.) It is the responsibility of all racers and skippers to adhere to U.S. Coast Guard and State of Colorado regulations at all times.
- 9. Racing Area:** A racing area chart ("Reference Map") of Cherry Creek Lake is attached to these instructions and will be posted on the Club Bulletin Board at the Marina Office.

10. **The Start:** Races will be started under RRS Rule 26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a starting mark as described in instruction 12. Each starting division will be designated with a number (e.g., 1-6) and a class flag identified at the Competitor's Meeting and posted.

11. **Individual Recalls:** The Race Committee may attempt to hail sail numbers of premature starters. Recalls may also be announced on VHF channels as described in instruction 16. Delay of or failure to hail or broadcast the individual sail numbers of recalled boats, or failure to hear, shall not relieve the racer of responsibility for starting properly or be grounds for redress.

12. **Marks:** The pin end of the start/finish line will be a red ball. Numbered race marks will be 40 gal. white drums with black numbers from 1 to 7, located approximately as shown on the reference map. Lettered marks will be inflatable marks, designated as follows:

**W** = Windward Mark; located directly upwind of the RC signal boat

**G** = Gybe Mark; located approximately abeam of the RC signal boat to port facing upwind

**L** = Leeward Mark; located downwind of the RC signal boat

13. **Courses:** Courses anticipated are windward/leeward, triangle & combinations thereof, using the marks described above, with all marks to be left to port. Each division's race course will be displayed on a board on the RC boat before or with its Preparatory signal. Courses will be designated by listing the marks in the order in which they are to be rounded.

**Restricted Start/Finish Line:** Boats on a leg of the course and which are neither starting, in their starting sequence, nor finishing shall not sail through a start or finish line and it shall rank as an obstruction for them. The marks denoting the ends of the line bound legs of the course; the required sides are outside the line. Violation of this instruction is not correctable by rule 28.1 (string rule); this changes 28.1.

**Exceptions:** A boat may cross a start or finish line to comply with rules 29.1 (OCS), 30.1 ("I" flag), 30.2 ("Z" flag), 31 (touching a mark) or the definition of finish in order to start or finish properly under the RRS, or to comply with rule 14 (avoiding contact).

**Penalty:** The race committee may protest violations as in rules 60.2 & 61.1(b) and inform protested boats by posting notice on the official notice board. A 20% scoring penalty shall apply for each violation, but a boat so penalized shall not be scored worse than did not finish.

14. **The Finish:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a finish pin.

15. **Time Limit:** The time limit for any race is 90 minutes. The race will be abandoned if no boat from a fleet finishes within 90 minutes of its start signal. Once a boat finishes within the time limit, all other boats in that fleet have 30 minutes to finish or be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

16. **Radio Communication:**

a) RC will monitor and broadcast on a VHF channel to be announced at the competitors' meeting & posted on the notice board. Competitors are urged to monitor RC radio communication as the RC may announce & give warning of starting sequences, schedules and other information.

b) Failure to hear any RC transmission shall not be grounds for redress.

17. **Protests:** Any skipper intending to protest must notify the RC upon finishing or within the protest time if they do not finish. Protest forms will be available at the registration area. Protests must be filed with any member of the RC or the Principal Race Officer (PRO) no later than 30 minutes after RC returns to shore and flies the Code "B" flag.

Pre-hearing/arbitration will be available to all parties involved in protests. Protests may be resolved in pre-hearing by both parties and if the penalized boat accepts a 40% scoring penalty, rounded up to the next full place. The penalized boat may not be scored worse than DNF. The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings.

**18. Scoring:** Scoring will be based on the low point system point system of Appendix A except as modified in this instruction. The first sentence of A2 shall be modified to read "Each boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores." Item A4.2 shall be modified as follows:

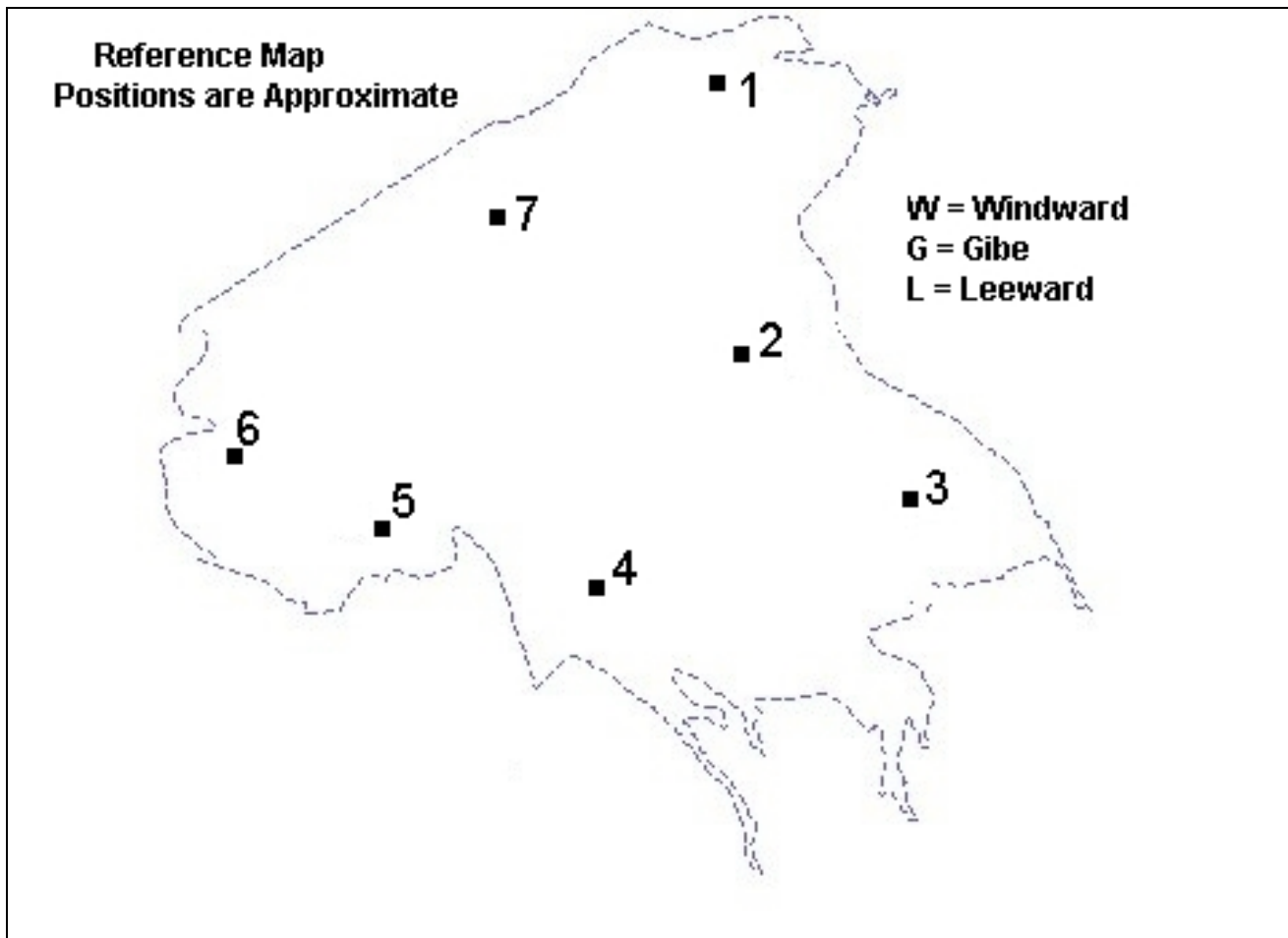
- DNF/RET/RAF .... .... Finishers +1.
- DNS/OCS/DNC... ..... ...Starters +1.
- DSQ/DNE/BFD/DGM ...Registered plus 2.

One design fleets will be scored Head to Head and PHRF & Catalina 22 fleets will be scored Time-on-Time. Current SAIL PHRF rating certificates shall apply; the Race Committee will assign ratings for PHRF boats that are not members of SAIL PHRF and these are not subject to redress, protest or appeal by the boat so rated. Rating appeals will be heard only for PHRF SAIL members.

**Roger Marshall (Overall) Trophy:** A boat must win its fleet to be eligible for the overall Marshall Trophy. Scoring for the overall winner will by scores after dividing a boat's total score by the number of entrants in its fleet. Ties shall be resolved, modifying A8, as in A8.1 & A8.2 with this addition: "8.3 If a tie remains, it shall be resolved by dividing the scores in the final race by the number of finishers in that race for the fleets of the tied boats. Remaining ties shall be resolved by coin flip."

**19. Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Sunday. The Marshall Trophy is a perpetual trophy and must be returned to DSA before April 15, 2009.

Date: 1 May 2008



Locations are approximate and not to scale.

**Notes on hazards to navigation:**

1. A shallow water area exists between mark 7 and the northeast Marina entrance. It is typically marked with buoys, but these may not provide adequate warning. Sailors are advised to keep well clear of these buoys.
2. The outlet for the lake, marked with buoys, is located north of mark 1. Sailors are advised to keep well clear of these buoys.
3. A shallow water area exists south of the line between marks 3 & 4. Sailors are advised not to proceed far into this area.
4. Shallow water areas exist within the Marina, north of the Main Dock. They are typically marked with buoys; a direct line to or from the hoist dock is not advised.